



Lt Wendy Stouder (left) passes the donations forward to HM3 Mark Sizemore (right) who works on a quick mix-and-match before handing the items out.

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the most inconsequential items can make a great deal of difference.

“The crowds were excited,” said HM3 Mark Sizemore, “but, that just shows how much those donations were needed. Many of the people went away very happy and I believe the lasting effect will be that we left a good impression.”

The donation drive effort was spearheaded by Nora Zollweg, wife of HM1 David Zollweg, the recipient of the donations for FH5 and distributing organizer in Port-au-Prince.

“I am so proud of everyone connected with the collection of the goods from the Central Kitsap Elementary Schools,” said David Zollweg. “I feel everyone’s effort had a very positive effect where we distributed the clothes. Unfortunately, there wasn’t enough to go around to all who were in need but, those that did receive some items were very thankful.” Accord-



LCDR Nancy Moya (right) distributes the donations directly into the hands of some needy Haitian families.

Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator, FH5, the items were distributed to some of Haiti’s neediest people. “The good feeling you hope to receive by giving away those items is somewhat bitter-sweet,” Moya says. “You feel good that you have something to share with the needy people but, disappointed that there is not enough to go around.”

“It was an excellent learning experience from our perspective,” said David Zollweg. “I wish everyone could have been here to see the gesture of giving and why it is important that we do.”